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STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD.,

Petitioner,

vs.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION and
ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP,

Respondents.

Petition of Wisconsin Central Ltd. seeking an
order of the Illinois Commerce Commission
directing that an additional track and grade
crossing be constructed at Lake Shore Drive
(DOT 689-740K) on the Wisconsin Central Ltd.
in Antioch Township, Lake County, IL

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Illinois Commerce Commission
1001 N. LEXINGTON AVENUE
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62761-1000

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PETITION

Now comes Petitioner, Wisconsin Central Ltd. ("WCL"), and petitions the Illinois Commerce Commission (the "Commission") for an order directing that an additional track and grade crossing be constructed at Lake Shore Drive (DOT 689-740K) on the WCL in Antioch Township, Lake County, IL. In support of its Petition, WCL states as follows:

1. WCL is a rail carrier operating in Illinois and is a rail carrier within the meaning of the Illinois Commercial Transportation Law.
2. Antioch Township and the Illinois Department of Transportation are political subdivisions within the State of Illinois and are subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
3. Lake Shore Drive is a township road.
4. WCL owns and operates a main line of railroad through Cook County continuing into Lake County and to the Wisconsin border.

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5. Metra currently operates ten commuter trains per day from Chicago to Antioch, Illinois on the WCL main line described in the preceding paragraph.

6. To improve safety and efficiency of Metra operations and to accommodate future additional Metra trains on WCL's main line, officials from the Engineering Department of WCL and Metra have determined that construction of an additional track, at grade, across Lake Shore Drive in Antioch Township is necessary to safely accommodate the current and projected Metra trains without interference from or delay caused by freight operations.

7. The WCL traffic and timetable speed, current and projected Metra traffic and timetable speed, and existing and proposed warning devices are set forth in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated herein.

8. The proposed division of cost for implementing the work is also set forth in Exhibit A.

9. A construction plan for the project is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit B.

10. WCL proposes that it will pay for the new construction and crossing proposed as set forth in Exhibit A, including any required relocation of existing warning devices and any required installation of new constant warning time circuitry.

11. The current elevation of the single track is higher than the standards set forth at 92 Illinois Administrative Code §1535.204. The proposed second track will make the elevation of both tracks considerably lower, but still not within the range set forth at section 1535.204. The reason WCL cannot make it lower is because of geometric design considerations.

12. WCL intends on lowering the elevation of the current track and constructing the second track in 2002.

13. WCL does not agree to accept service by electronic means.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner Wisconsin Central Ltd. respectfully requests that the Commission:

- a. Set this matter for hearing with due notice to the parties;
- b. After hearing, enter an order directing Petitioner Wisconsin Central Ltd. to construct an additional track and grade crossing as set forth in Exhibits A and B;
- c. Allow WCL to deviate from the standards set forth in 92 Illinois Administrative Code §1535.204 for the reconfigured grade crossing at Lake Shore Drive as proposed in Exhibit B;
- c. Apportion the costs involved as set forth in Exhibit A; and
- d. Provide such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and appropriate.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 19th day of February, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

Lake Shore Drive
Antioch Township, IL
DOT 689-740K

- Rail freight traffic: - 30 trains per day.
- Timetable speed: - 60 MPH.

- METRA traffic: - 10 trains per day. (Metra proposes to increase this number to 20 trains per day.)
- Timetable speed: - 60 MPH (WCL intends on increasing this to 79 MPH after the project is completed).

- Existing warning devices: - Flashers/bells/gates & CWT circuitry.
- Proposed warning devices: - Flashers/bells/gates/CWT circuitry for two tracks.

COST ALLOCATION

WCL proposes that it will pay for the entire project.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that we have this 19th day of February, 2002, mailed for filing with the
Illinois Commerce Commission, Wisconsin Central Ltd.'s petition in the above-referenced matter, a
copy of which is hereby served upon you.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, MICHAEL J. BARRON, JR., an attorney, certify that on behalf of Wisconsin Central Ltd., I served the foregoing Petition of Wisconsin Central Ltd. upon those made a party to this proceeding by enclosing copies of the foregoing in envelopes addressed to those parties as set forth below, postage prepaid, and depositing the envelopes in the United States Mail at 455 North Cityfront Plaza Drive, Chicago, IL on the 19th day of February, 2002.



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ATTACHMENT/EXHIBIT

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